

# Village Of Brooklyn

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## Safety Committee Minutes June 11, 2015

Members Present: Kyle Smith, Zach Leavy (arrived at 6:25pm) and Susan McCallum. Also present Chief Harry Barger and Rob Kovach.

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

K. Smith moved to approve the May 7, 2015 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. McCallum. Motion carried.

The proposed burning permit to be issued by the Fire Department was presented to Chief Barger for input. K. Smith stated that there would be three copies of the permit; one for fire department, one for homeowner and one on file in the clerk's office. If a complaint came in the department could check for a permit on file or when making contact with the home owner ask for their copy. The committee members had the following questions brought forward from Ordinance Committee: the fire department was looking for guidance regarding the fines amounts associated with permit violations; who would enforce the permit and who sets the fine amounts. Chief Barger informed the group that the judge sets the fines, they would be indicated within the corresponding ordinance (Chapter 19 Fire), and the Police Department would enforce which could result in a citation. Chief Barger had no additions to the permit other than to remove the fine amounts as that belongs in the ordinance. K. Smith moved to bring the permit to the board for review, using the version where "At his discretion the fire chief or designee may require greater distances." Is added to A. under item 5- Fire Pit Requirements, E is removed and fines are removed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. McCallum. Motion carried.

Chief Barger stated that the ad for the Police Secretary has been placed on line with the Oregon Observer.

Chief Barger stated that the Chamber events on May 23 and 24 were very quiet. He had officers on both day and evening and there weren't any issues.

The ordinance committee referred the use of "Skid Steers" to clear snow in the village to safety for further input. They had reviewed ordinance chapter 23.05 regarding damage to public and private property and felt this could be a possible citation. Chief Barger said the ordinance refers to "intentional" damage, which is difficult to prove. S. McCallum wondered if an addition to that ordinance would address the current damage. Chief Barger suggested the committee review what other communities have done regarding sidewalk snow removal and damages. The committee will bring the issue back to next month.

The request by a resident to change ordinance 23.06 to allow him to use an air rifle on House Sparrows was discussed. The current ordinances 23.06 Regulation of Firearms and 22.18 Discharge of Firearms were reviewed. S. McCallum will follow-up with the Clerk regarding whether there was adoption of an amendment to 23.06. The committee felt for the following reasons they would not consider changing either ordinance: there isn't a need (McCallum presented information on other processes to eliminate House Sparrows), if an exception was made to the ordinance it would open it up for other requests, the power of pellet and air rifles would make use in the village dangerous and no one person could affect an outcome on a bird population.

K. Smith reported that public works had discussed the request and viewed the property determining there weren't any underground obstructions, requiring the pad to meet sidewalk specifications, that it must be maintained as a sidewalk and allowing a 5 ft. length.

Chief Barger reported that the New World/LERMS had installed the TraCS version 10 program but it would not be operational until possibly Monday. This was because the new version bypasses the normal connection and the City of Madison would need to issue a certificate of authority. We are the first

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municipality using this new connection; the City of Madison will be monitoring how well this works for possible use elsewhere.

The new officer's equipment and uniform has been ordered. They are now working to coordinate training.

The discussion regarding staffing for events is postponed until next month.

S. McCallum moved to approve Chief Barger attending the State's Chief Conference in Green Bay August 10-12, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Smith. Chief Barger will pay for his own room as he doesn't have the funds in his budget. He requests the Village pay the fee and his wage. He has been asked to do presentations at the conference. Motion carried.

The budget was reviewed. K. Smith questioned the over runs in Uniform and General expenses. S. McCallum felt the Chief needs to consult with the clerk as these are not accurate. Chief Barger felt this discrepancy was probably due to the use of 2014 funds for recent expenditures.

The final work schedule for May and the work schedule for June were reviewed. Chief Barger pointed out that he will not be training as indicated on June 22 and 24, instead Officer Englehart.

Chief Barger reviewed his report from Monday's board meeting. He added what he has found out regarding his research on feral cats from Green and Dane County and "Friends of Feral Cats of Dane County" organization.

S. McCallum cautioned that this item was not on the agenda for discussion. Barger said he is just presenting information from his research. Both Dane and Green County animal control do not want to trap and remove them because; they are too aggressive, have possible diseases and humane societies avoid accepting them. Dane County Animal Control said that they consider anyone housing them and/or feeding them for more than a week (7 days) is determined their owner and ordinances could be enforced. He said we have three ordinances now that pertain; all cats are to be licensed with rabies shots and other immunizations, not allowed to roam off property and there is a limit on number of animals per household. The Feral Cat Org. said that over time cats that are neutered/spayed decrease the overall population. She stated that she had spoken with Z. Leavy about the feral cats. Chief Barger stated that speaking with Scott Meier the current shed that the cats are using is scheduled to be razed this summer. K. Smith cautioned about discussing the information. Rob Kovach explained where they have sighted cats within the village from the Meier property to the fields behind the school, to the area in and around new water tower, to the rail corridor and the small garage on the Village's property behind the bank. He said they have marked the cats that they have spayed/neutered and gotten shots. K. Smith asked how many this is. S. McCallum asked if they been given rabies shots then the clerk should have been given the records. This item will be placed on July's agenda for further discussion.

July's agenda was discussed. Items to add include; public comments at beginning of each agenda and update on where the court fine schedule is in the process.

K. Smith moved to adjourn at 7:20pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Z. Leavy. Motion carried.